

HOUSE RESOLUTION 144
By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Frankie J. Mitchell, on her selection as Building Level Teacher of the Year at Lewis County Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Frankie J. Mitchell is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell has recently been selected as Building Level Teacher of the Year by Lewis County Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding twenty-seven-year tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, before beginning her commendable tenure with Lewis County Elementary School, Ms. Mitchell earned an Associate of Science degree from Columbia State Community College and a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Education degree from Middle Tennessee State University; Ms. Mitchell earned two teacher's certifications, allowing her to teach both Elementary Education and Kindergarten classes; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell has served with acumen and alacrity as a Kindergarten teacher at Lewis County Elementary School for twenty-four exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, her exceptional teaching career has only been heightened by her involvement in various workshops as a participant and a leader, including the Building Blocks

Workshop, Math Workshop on Math Manipulatives, Tennessee Instructional Model Training, Summer Tennessee Kindergarten Workshop, Tennessee Arts and Music Workshop, and the Project Star Workshop; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of her community and profession, Ms. Mitchell has served expertly as a Co-Mentor for a new teacher, as the Lewis County Parent Teacher Organization Secretary, and as an Advisory Council member for Childcare Services at Tennessee Technology Center at Hohenwald; she currently serves as a Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation committee member, the Lewis Elementary School Kindergarten Lead Teacher, and the Habitat for Humanity Secretary; and

WHEREAS, not content to leave her most important work in the classroom, Ms. Mitchell has been an active member and leader in numerous professional associations, including the Lewis County Education Association, which she has ably served as Faculty Representative and Public Relations Chairperson; National Education Association; Tennessee Education Association; International Reading Association; and the Alpha Rho Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, which she has served with distinction as Chapter Treasurer and Chairwoman of the Publicity, Research, Music, and Communications Committees; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Frankie J. Mitchell truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Frankie J. Mitchell on being chosen as Building Level Teacher of the Year at Lewis County Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.